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Dear Department of Justice,

I am told you are interested in public comment on how the DoJ is handling the Microsoft case. So, in a caring and respectful way, I want to tell how I feel about it.

You caved.

You beat them in the court of popular opinion, and you beat them in Federal Court, and you beat them at the Supreme court. They lied under oath, and they still lost. Why did you stop? Where is the gusto, the passion for justice, the mantle of protecting the people from a big, bad, greedy corporation?

Was it the Bush administration watching out for its corporate constituents? I hope not, because a lot of Microsoft's victims are also companies. They have spend much much more on software that doesn't work, and people to support the software that doesn't work. I can't tell you how many hours I've wasted in the past year trying to get technical support from my friends at Redmond. Those hours come out of the bottom line. Was it a bribe, such as a Microsoft's offer to cover the states legal fees if they would drop the case? Was it the events of September 11th? Was it a lack of computer expertise? God, I hope not: there are thousands of computer experts all over the world that hate Microsoft with a passion and would leap at the opportunity to help you.

I could easily bore you with all sorts of reasons how and why Microsoft software is awful and unoriginal: I'm a computer expert. Are you interested? Start at my web site, http://www.commercialventvac.com/~jeffs/OS_comparison.html

Sincerely yours,

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